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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, IS, LE
SUBJECT: SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. UN SOURCE WHO HAS VISITED SOUTHERN LEBANON DURING PAST SEVERAL DAYS TELLS US JUNE 24 THAT SITUATION HAS HEATED UP A BIT DURING PAST WEEK WITH EXCHANGES BETWEEN MOSLEMS/LEFTISTS AND CHRISTIANS IN BINT JBAIL AND MARJAYOUN AREAS RESPECTIVELY INCLUDING ARTILLERY, TANK AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. NO REPORTS OF IDF CROSS-BORDER FIRING DURING PAST WEEK. HOWEVER UN OBSERVERS SAW IDF NIGHT EXERCISE (PROBABLY BATTALION-SIZED) EARLIER THIS WEEK WHICH TOOK PLACE CLOSE TO BORDER ON ISRAELI SIDE INVOLVING HELICOPTERS AND AIR ASSAULT.

2. SOURCE NOTES THAT UN HAS NOT LOST ANY VEHICLES TO LEFTIST FORCES SINCE JUNE 5 AND ATTRIBUTES THIS TO TALKS IN BEIRUT WITH PLO OFFICIALS IN LATE MAY ON WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES INVOLVING
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LEFTIST INTERFERENCE WITH UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. AT MEETING, PLO AGREED TO DESIST FROM FURTHER FORCIBLE COMMANDEERING OF VECHICLES AND PLEDGED EFFORTS TO RETURN THOSE PREVIOUSLY TAKEN. CURRENTLY UN STILL LISTS 40 VEHICLES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED. ALTHOUGH THIS ISSUDE OF MOSLEM/LEFTIST INTERFERENCE WITH UN WORK IN

SOUTHERN LEBANON HAS NOT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE,
BEEN NOTED IN PRESS, IT HAS BEEN OF INCREASING
CONCERN TO UNTSO BOTH FROM STANDPOINT OF MORALE
OF UNMO PERSONNEL AND PERFORMING UN OBSERVATION
FUNCTION. SOURCE TELLS US THAT UNTSO HAS
PROVIDED WORDING ON THIS SUBJECT FOR NEW YORK
TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT MONTHLY UN REPORT IN PEACE-
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